

Application No. 10/070,138
Amdt dated December 3, 2003
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's rejection of claims 1 and 3-7 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, the Applicant has amended claim 1 to provide for a shut-off mechanism that is operable to shut off the motor when the filling limit of the muddy fluid is reached. A ball valve mechanism is only one such mechanism for shutting off the motor automatically when the filling limit is reached. As disclosed in the specification, by way of example only, sensors could be used to detect when the filling limit is reached and turn off the motor.

Additionally, grammatical changes have been made to the claims to comply with US practice, as is self-evident from the listing of claims above.

It is respectfully submitted, that claim 1, and claims 2-7 which are dependent thereon, now comply with 35 USC 112 and are allowable.

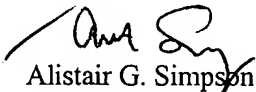
The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner, and reviewed for possible errors and omissions. Applicant has failed to identify any errors or omissions in the specification.

Formal drawings are enclosed.

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In view of the foregoing, favourable reconsideration and allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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